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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION BIN LADEN AND ZARQAWI TAPES -
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LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Monday morning included a US-Japan plan to transfer US Army 1st Corps headquarters to Camp Zama during US fiscal 2008 and move the Air Self-Defense command headquarters to Yokota Air Base in Japanese fiscal 2010.

"Statements by al-Qaeda Leaders Intended to Expand Front? A report from Cairo in the liberal Tokyo Shimbun stated (5/1): "Recently, each of the three top leaders of al-Qaeda -- bin Laden, Zarqawi, andawahiri -- issued taped statements. They appear to be trying to assert their continued leadership over the terrorist group by stressing the 'failure' of the US military.... Each of the three statements had a different thrust. Bin Laden criticized US and European pressure on Hamas in order to win greater Muslim support for al-Qaeda and suggested an expansion of the front by citing Sudan.awahiri called for the overthrow of the current pro-US Pakistani government and clarified his position opposing Iraqi Prime Minister-designate Maliki. Meanwhile, Zarqawi's video portrayed him as a warrior.awahiri is said to have criticized Zarqawi's approach of killing Muslims in Iraq. However, in his recent statement,awahiri praised Zarqawi's achievements. The recent messages may suggest a reconciliation between the two masterminds."

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